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Application No.: 10/713174

Case No.: 58627US002

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are pending (these correspond to original claims 1-12 and 36-41 that were re-numbered in the Notice of Allowance mailed on May 24, 2006).

An amendment under C.F.R. § 1.312 was filed on July 12, 2006. This amendment is referenced to that amendment.

This Request for Continued Examination results from (1) an amendment to claims 1 based on a closer review of some of the references cited in the corresponding PCT application and (2) the submission of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 1 to 18, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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